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In re Application of: )  
Hideo AGO *et al.* )  
Application No.: 09/608,713 )  
Filed: June 30, 2000 ) Group Art Unit: 1631  
For: HCV POLYMERASE SUITABLE )  
FOR CRYSTAL STRUCTURE )  
ANALYSIS AND METHOD FOR )  
USING THE ENZYME ) Examiner: Cheyne D. Ly

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Sir:

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

In reply to the Office Action mailed December 24, 2003, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks in this Reply. This Amendment and Request for Reconsideration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 is due March 24, 2003, and is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

The Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.